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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows, prior to the calculation of the fees.

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows. Applicants have attached sheets with marked up claims indicating added text by insertions and deleted text by bracketing.

9.(amended) A nucleic acid molecule capable of hybridizing to the cDNA molecules according to claim 1 under high stringency conditions.

14.(amended) A protein according to claim 12 having the amino acid sequence illustrated in Figure 4.

17.(amended) A protein according to claim 15 having the amino acid sequence illustrated in Figure 5.